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In re the Application of

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CODING/DECODING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

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